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REPORTS CZECH MINERS ON "SLOWDOWN" STRIKE

The Berlin newspaper Der Tag claims to have learned that coal production in a number of mines has dropped from 130 percent of the quota in August to 45 percent this month. Industry has been crippled by the coal shortage; Bulgaria and Rumania, which are dependent on coal imports from Czechoslovakia, have had to reinstitute rationing.

Vice-Minister of Industry Svatopluk Rada, who is responsible for the mining industry, has been ousted. Several engineers and workers have been accused of sabotage. The newspaper reports, however, that the authorities have not been able to identify the strike leaders.

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